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SUBJECT: JUDICIAL INQUIRY INTO CUBANA CRASH ALLEGATION OF US  
EMBASSY INVOLVEMENT

1. LATE YESTERDAY (DECEMBER 2), PRIME MINISTER J M G "TOM"  
ADAMS CALLED EMBASSY AND ASKED TO SPEAK TO AMBASSADOR. IN-  
FROMED THAT AMBASSADOR HAD LEFT ISLAND, HE ASKED THAT  
CHARGE CALL HIM AT HOME. I DID, AND CONVERSATION WHICH  
FOLLOWED TWO SUBJECTS: CUBANA CRASH INQUIRY AND  
ALLEGED COUP PLOT. THIS MESSAGE COVERS FIRST SUBJECT, SEPTTEL  
ON SECOND FOLLOWS.

2. ADAMS SAID HE HAD BEEN "DISTRESSED" TO LEARN THAT STATEMENT  
BY LOSANO REGARDING ALLEGED MEETINGS WITH "MR. MCCLOUD" HAD  
BEEN INTRODUCED INTO RECORD AT INQUIRY. HE HAD BEEN  
AWARE OF STATEMENT FOR SOMETIME AND HAD GIVEN INSTRUCTIONS THAT  
IT SHOULD NOT BE INTRODUCED AS IT APPEARED TO HIM "IRRELEVANT"

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AND "UNNECESSARILY EMBARRASSING TO THE US." TO MAKE AMENDS, HE

PROPOSED TO HAVE ATTORNEY GENERAL SPEAK WITH SOLICITOR GENERAL WITH A VIEW TO INTRODUCING A LATER STATEMENT BY LOSANO IN WHICH LATTER DENIED EVER HAVING VISITED THE EMBASSY. HE ASSUMED THAT ALLEGED MEETINGS HAD NOT, IN FACT, TAKEN PLACE, BUT NOTED THAT DESCRIPTION OF "MCCLLOUD" COULD APPLY TO AMBASSADOR. IF, CONTRARY TO HIS ASSUMPTION, AMBASSADOR OR OTHER EMBASSY OFFICIAL HAD MET WITH LOSANO AND "SOME STATE SECRET" WAS INVOLVED, IT MIGHT NEVERTHELESS BE POSSIBLE FOR GOB TO FIND MEANS OF DEALING WITH THE SITUATION, HE SAID.

3. I THANKED PRIME MINISTER FOR HIS EXPRESSION OF CONCERN AND OF WILLINGNESS TO BE HELPFUL TO US. I ASSURED HIM THAT NEITHER AMBASSADOR NOR ANY OTHER EMBASSY OFFICER HAD EVER SEEN LOSANO AND ADDED THAT, TO THE BEST OF OUR ABILITY TO ASCERTAIN, NEITHER LUGO NOR LOSANO HAD EVER BEEN INSIDE THE EMBASSY.

4. COMMENT: TO A GREATER EXTENT THAN ANYTHING ELSE ADAMS HAS DONE OR SAID SINCE TAKING OFFICE, THIS CONVERSATION SEEMS TO ME TO INDICATE THAT HE CAN BE COUNTED ON TO BE ON OUR SIDE WHEN WE NEED HIM. APPARENTLY, HE WOULD HAVE BEEN WILLING TO HELP US EVEN IF WE HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN SOME WAY WITH LOSANO. THOUGH, OF COURSE, THE POSSIBILITY CANNOT BE EXCLUDED THAT HE WAS SIMPLY FISHING FOR INFORMATION.  
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